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The present invention relates to an aqueous colloidal gold solution, comprising

- (a) nano-particular gold particles,
- (b) a compound having a polar tertiary amino group conjugated via a hydrophobic aromatic residue with a weaker alkaline group, and
- (c) a stabilizer comprising a mercapto group ( $-SH$ ) and an acidic group, in particular a sulfonic acid group ( $-SO_3^-$ ).

This gold solution uses an ecologically compatible medium and is suited in an especial manner for writing and for printing, also for inkjet printers, since it has a long-term storage life and generates an attractive metal-like gold sheen.